



Another father, unkempt, uncouth, with arrogant conviction. Queer, queer, an aimless seer, contentious greeter, spiting the hate, Equivalent, in righteous vein, but cut of absolution, My Jealous self sees certainty and arrogant conviction, I, the one to break your heart and condemn all to fire, And sings it. I, the one to criticize your inherent desires, I, the one to ridicule the cause of your condition I, the one to pick apart a natural disposition, Bleeding forth to ingratiate you with the new constitution. Where is the right to open eyes? This eloquent profusion, With diction, wealth of evidence, I speak no absolution, To hope and dream, a mass intention, to flee the responsibility of freedom, Impatience leads me to proclaim, "You're wrong! You're wrong! What is, is all. And there is no one out there." A knife I bring to cut the strings, the puppet's wrist unbends, The absent manipulator left the landle, But the hand rolls across in extension, And I can't hold that, only the fallen, Whose hand remains as open, And now those eyes, by rigor mortis, the shock of the contusion, How could I, who am 1? Am I, the cause of this conclusion? To open eyes, to open eyes, to absent absolution.

But who am I to open eyes? These conclusions I also fear I follow along these logic lines doubting what you take for truth.



Withoutmovement----

A song escaped my lips

Lying dead like two bloated worms

On the pavement

After a storm

Each pleading murmur

Cried for its past ambitions
Weeped for its forgotten dreams

With out movement----

My eyes fluttered with anticipation

Waiting to relive the days of confrontation

That scorched like a conflagration

Of words forged in vain

Of actions forged in rage

Without movement----

My heart beats rhythmically

Marching like a soldier

To his untimely

Every beat echoed fatalistically

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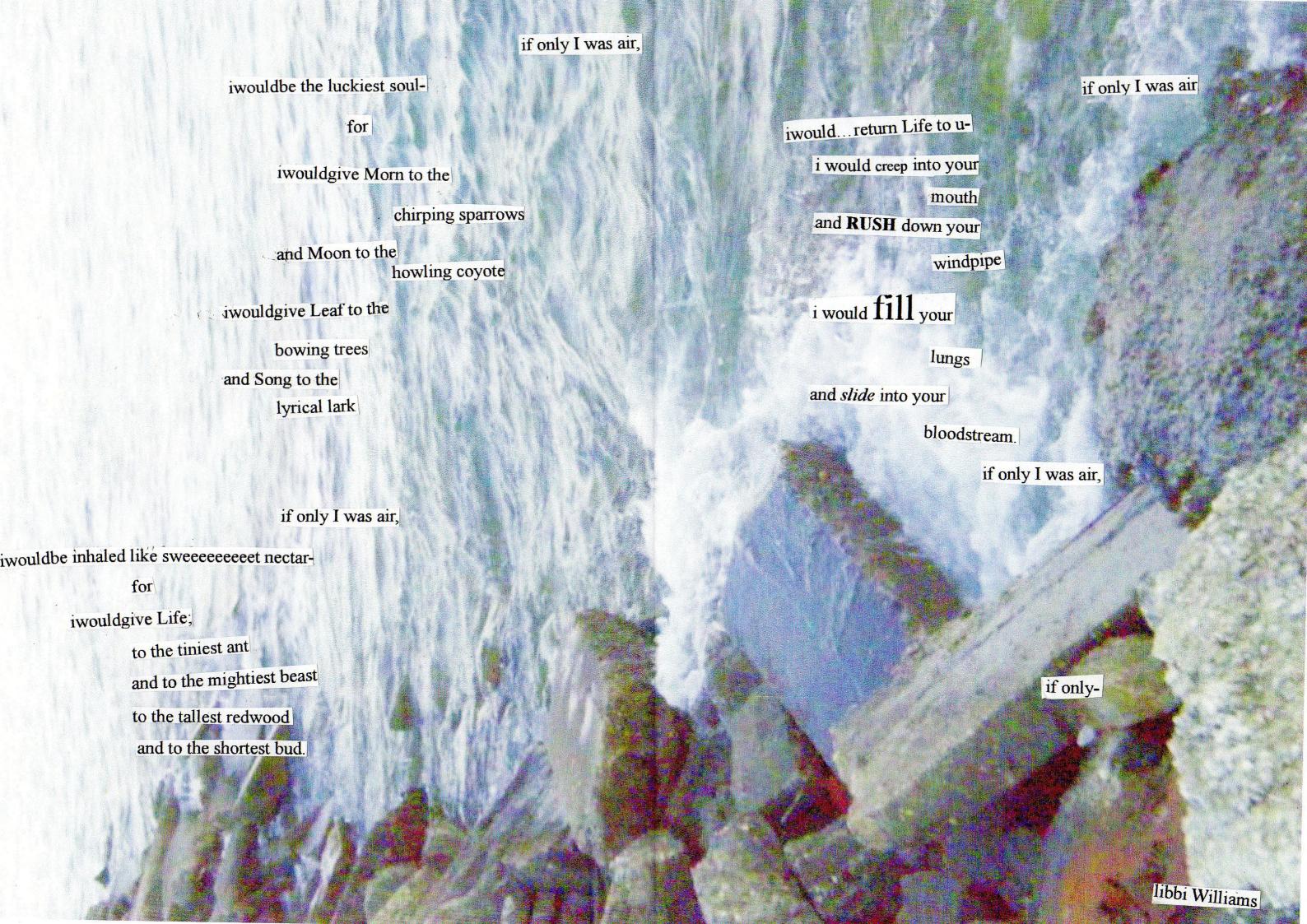
Off of the sepulcher's walls

With out move ment----

I cease to live.

Yet predestined tomb

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I am afraid; I too do not want responsibility,

But .. what ... if L .. loved you?

Despite all my apparent disability,

Would my hand fall, much as would yours,

When cut from the life you don't understand?

You fear death, and I fear you, but who's the stronger?

No, I don't love you, I never was your sincere sharing lover,

'Madness separates love and reason,'

And we both drink of the middle ground,

But you in drunken stupor fall when cut about the strings,

And I in desperation laugh to kill the gravity,

A Nietzschean once, Romantic thence, always returns a Buddhist,

My hand and knife withdraw pristine—sheathed—yet sharp like an intention

Might life remain like my disdain for bad faith's divine histrionics?

How could I love you? I'm afraid of you.

Which, psychologically would suggest insecurity in my convictions,

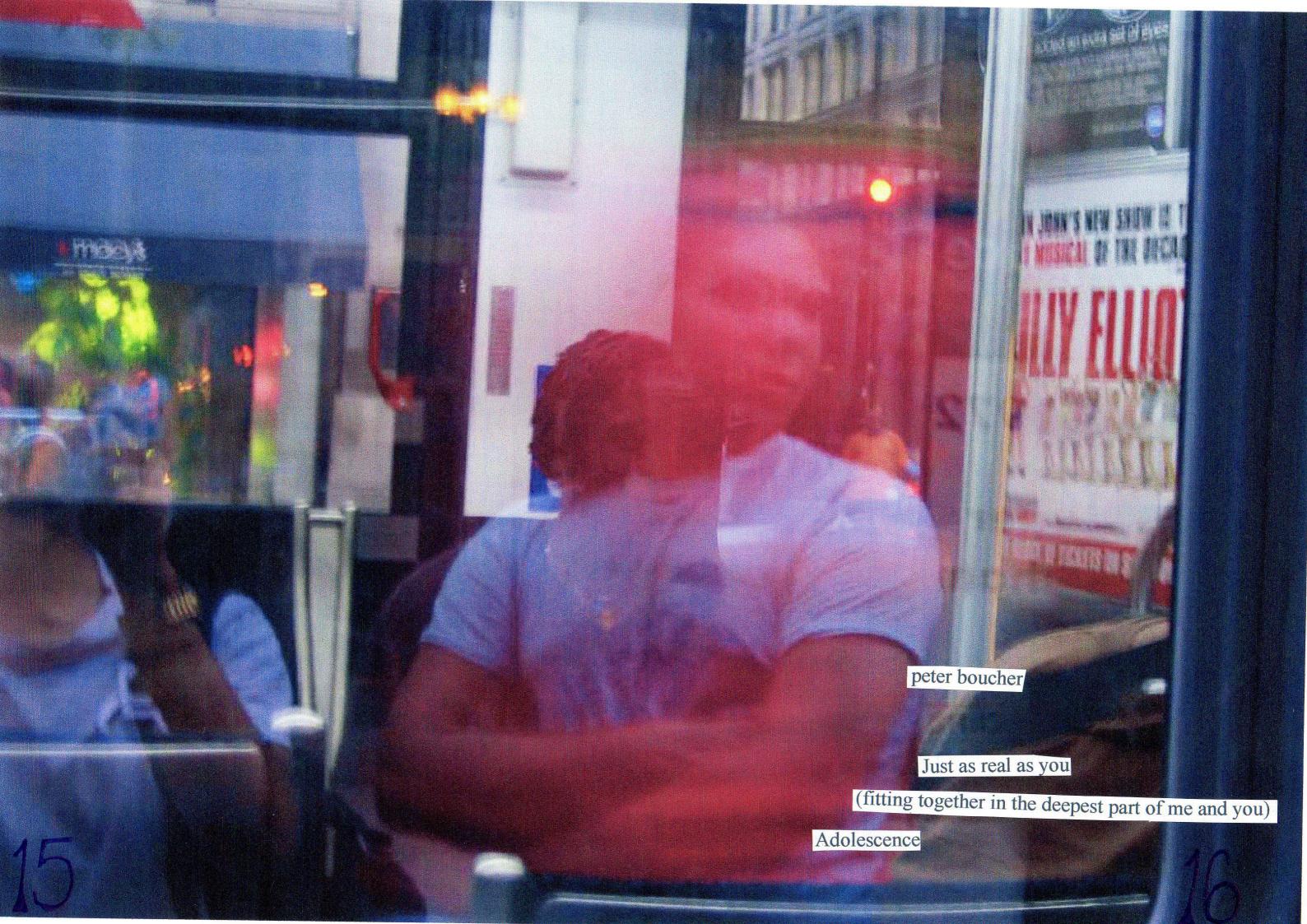
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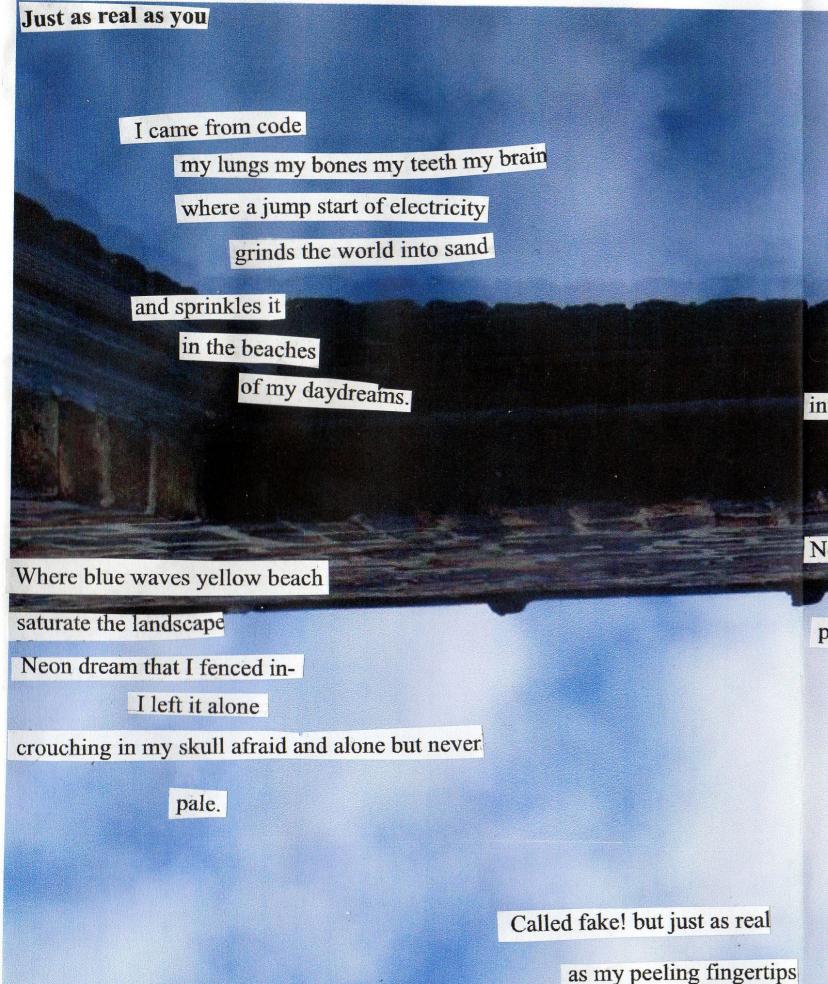
I am. Am I? Soy yo. ¿Soy yo?

No, no. No, no.

Mais, bon, je ne sais pas.

Ich. Ich! Ich? liiitihhhhhhhkkkkkk...





and my tar lungs.

-squints at halogen white light BULBS careening through the road! and infant asphalt scrapes: "When I was 10 I collapsed my legs on my front lawn and I smashed face first into the sticks and dirt. I forgot how hard ground was. I forgot how much it hurt.' Neosporin and band-aids later I sit at the computer staring at a screen playing candy games until my teens. PBB and my bruised toenails

Fitting together in the deepest part of me and you is not like a puzzle pieceit is NOT a soft cardboard piece mashed together and an image completed a part of an image for the whole of an image-NO! Fitting together perfectly in the deepest part of me and you is a swirl of clay in a black void molding into one another constantly turning and molding as if kneaded by dough from our own invisible hands. We are kneaded together. our love is kneaded dough. (none of this superficial flimsy soggy brown puzzle piece bull shit, none of these fucking layers of brown paper mashed together with elmer's ground-up cowhoof sticky glue BulL ShiT-) -"Who the fuck came up with that?"-NO! No. no, no, our love is kneaded dough.

but I think something happened I think we molded together in that warm blackness (in that sweet curled up vacuum)-I think my clay's been, muddied. like a 5 year old mixing paint colors to discover Catastrophe! he can't take red from brown or green from brown and the muddy mess just sits on the table and stares at you and you Cower, curl, sleep and give up because everything's just a muddy mess everything's just a goddamn muddy mess nowyou're mixed into me. maybe until then our muddy messes mold and swirl together again PBB

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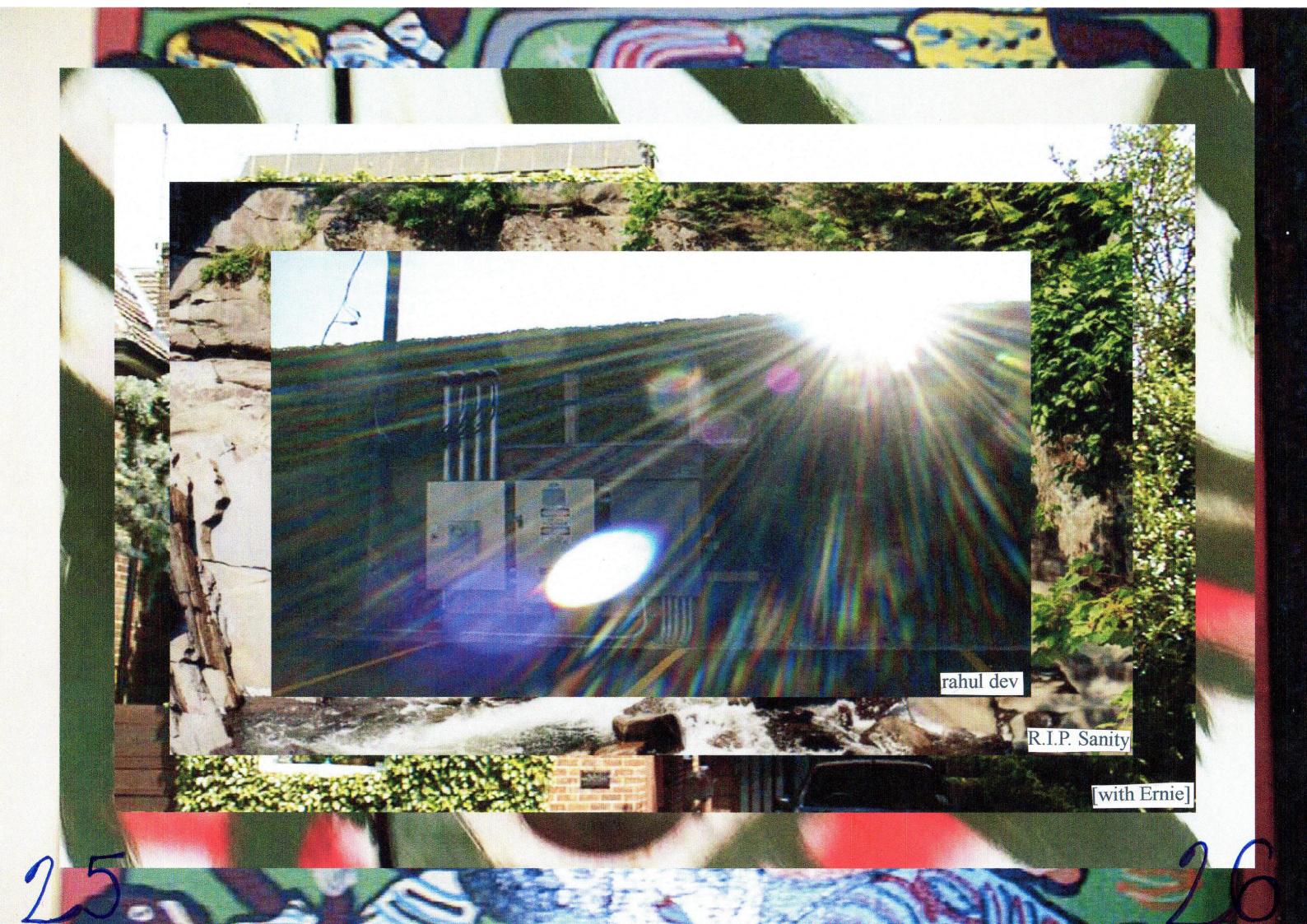
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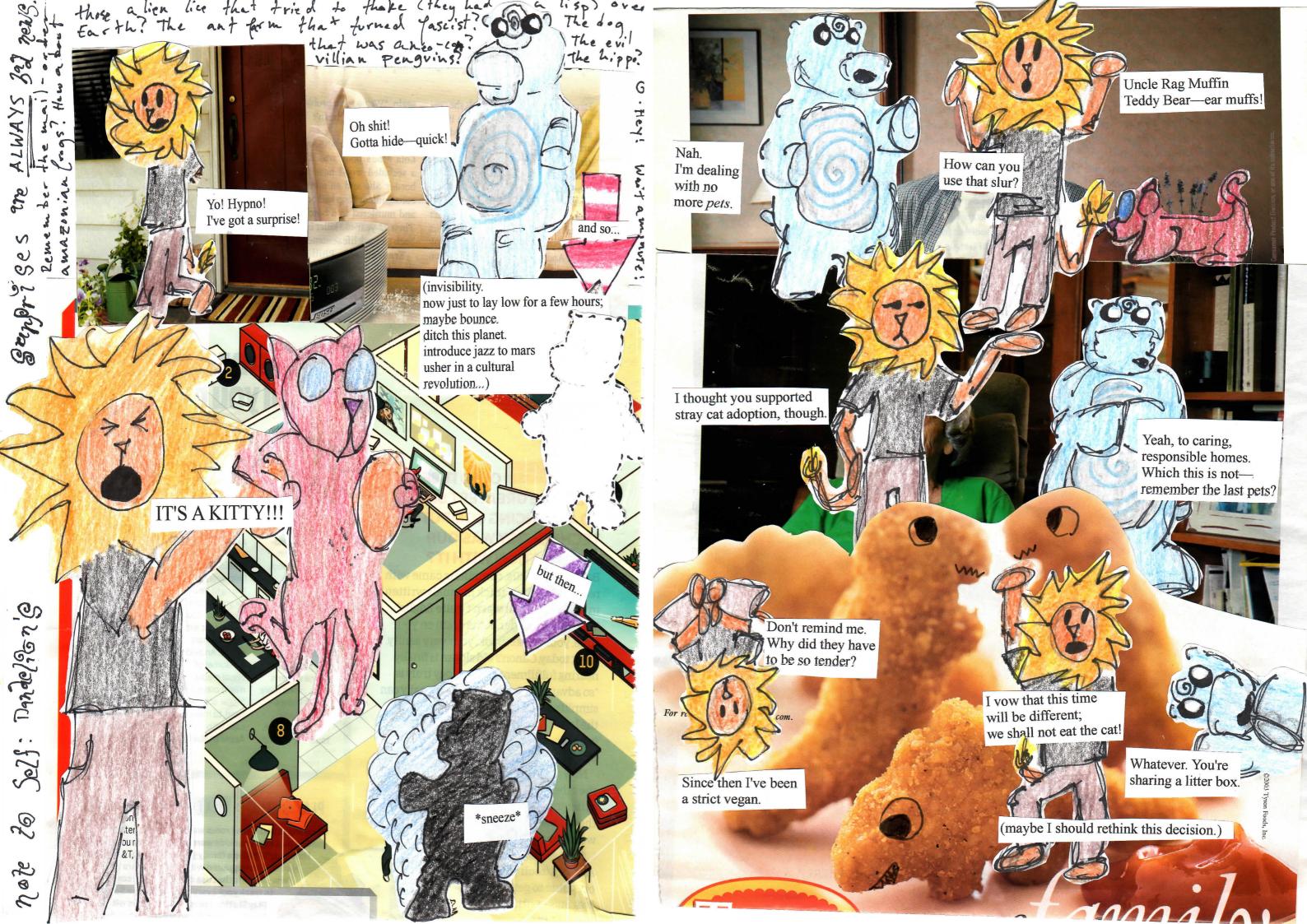
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For what? What was that? Did that just happen? It did! It didn't. I can't be sure... For what? And do 1, did I ever love you? Ha! Just try to localize the absurd! In doubt I look around and it begins to seem familiar, Again the present world awaits, my feet explore the Earth, Exposure, then allured, censured, injured, and deterred to claim of worth,

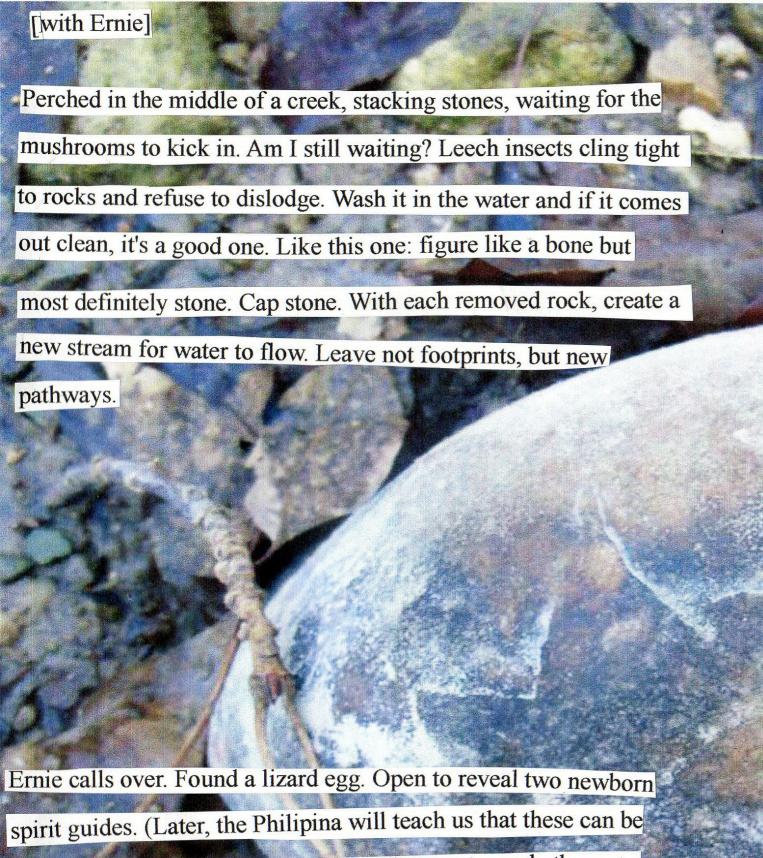
Left obscure, in twists and turns, and labeled a rebirth,

So we can cap'talize a wealth of information? So we can understand concepts of liberation? For what? So we can cherish ev'ry fleeting, passing second? Forwhat? So we can gentrify this barren, soulless wasteland? We? Me. And someday, hopefully, possibly— You:









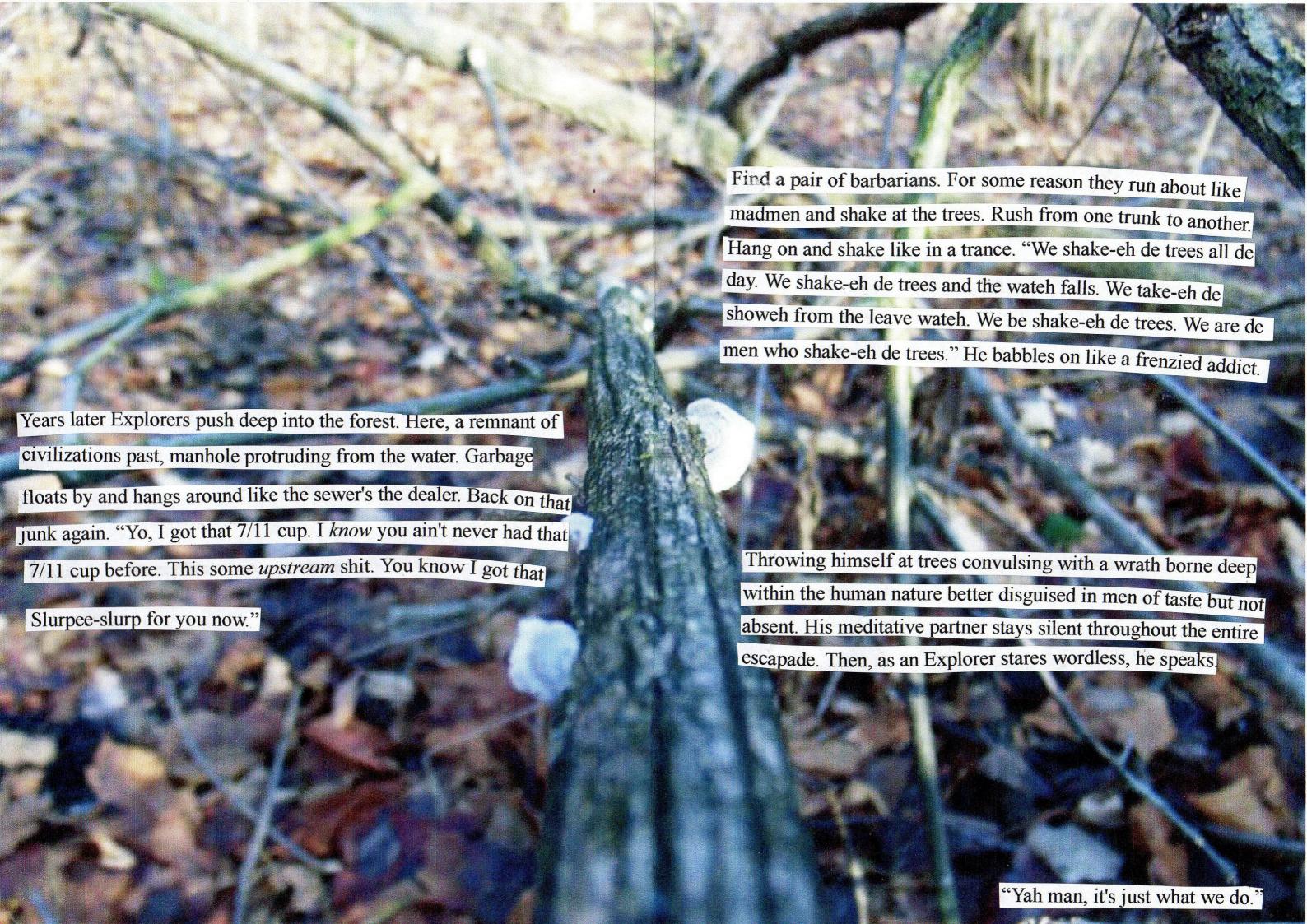
Ernie calls over. Found a lizard egg. Open to reveal two newborn spirit guides. (Later, the Philipina will teach us that these can be roasted and eaten.) Ernie departs, leaving me to wade the water alone. Step on rocks with some part above the surface. As long as the top is dry, you can balance on it. Just try to keep balanced. Because the last thing I want to do is take the three inch drop.

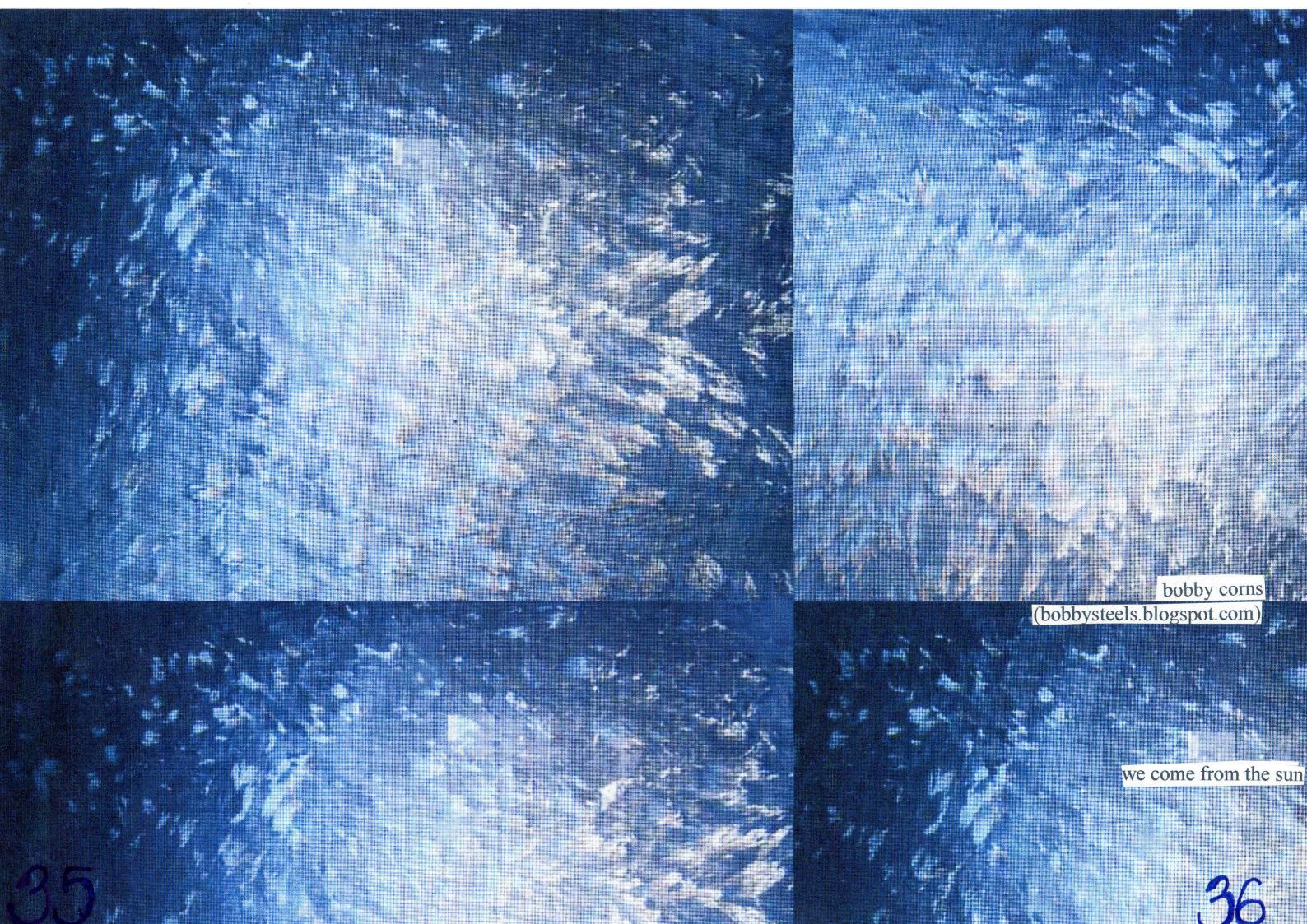
Anything but that.

Cross a frog and turn him to stone with the psilocybin curse. New spirit guide. Stepping stones end—take the bank from here. It's speaking to me. Each step pushes down onto an air pocket below which bubbles up in the water. I'm sinking; it's eating me. Rush into the thicket, but the grass fights back. Shoots thorns into my legs I'm leaking. Jump into the creek and rub water on my calves. The best remedy for itchiness is real creek water. Look down and notice tiny white arachnids. (I just rubbed those into my legs.) Should go back to where Ernie and I split to wait for him.

"That was the most FRIGHTENING shit I have *ever* taken. Let's get the FUCK out of here."

The only reason we identify this body with the *I* is because this is the only object with which we can have multiple sensory relations simultaneously. Close your eyes and imagine that you had no concept of what form *you* took. Try to determine where *you* end and where everything else begins. Leave this world.







Indeed a bitter angst I cry, but muffled to repression,

A futile, endless search for peace in infinite regression,

Back down, back down the mountainside's a nervous waiting station,
Where I situpon the bench looking left to right in repetition,

Their feet so restless, a muddled mass of mutually assured gestations,

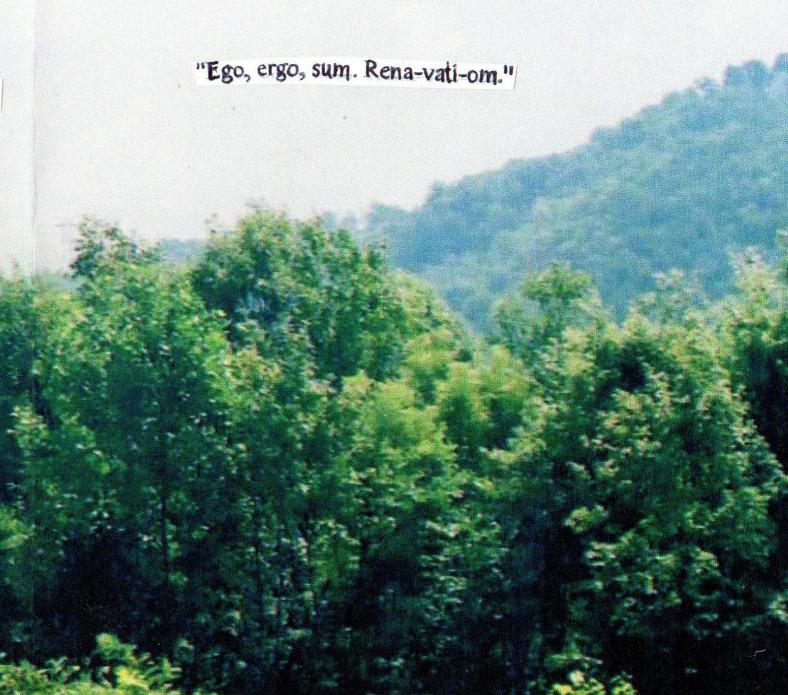
Each life a hollow genuflection from the time of confirmation,

Existing in a chaotically convoluted, albeit purpose-laden union,

I suffer none to look at me, but cringe in apprehension,

They pass without a glance askance, wrapped in their communion,

And looking down, I mutter words bereft of absolution.





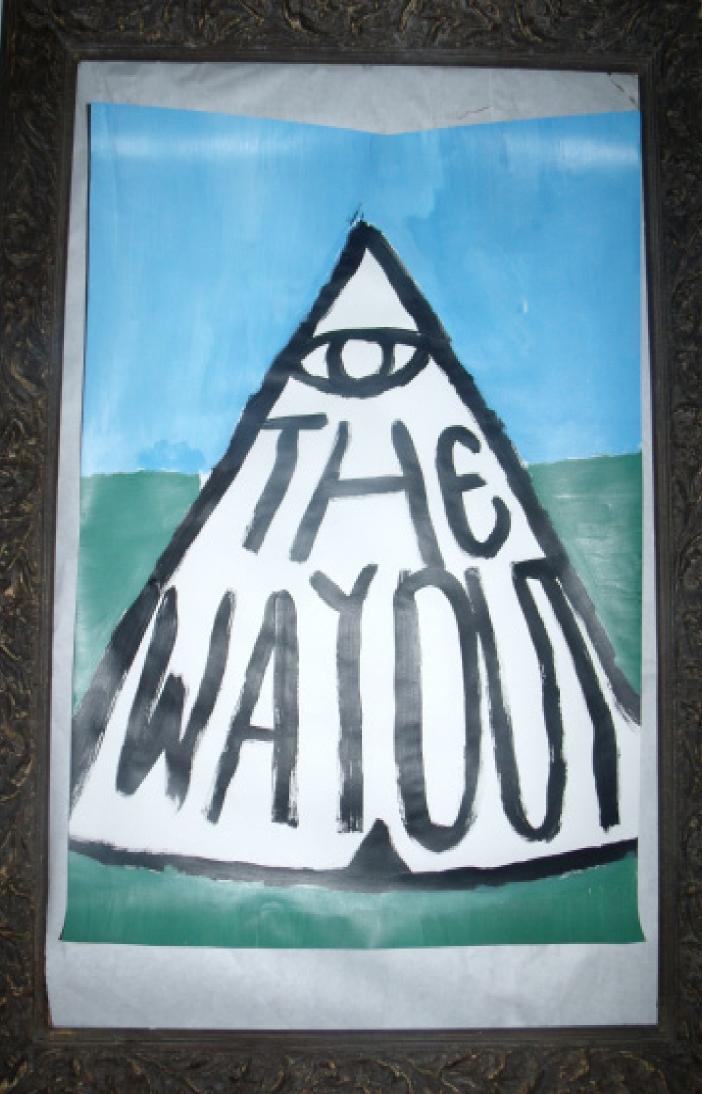




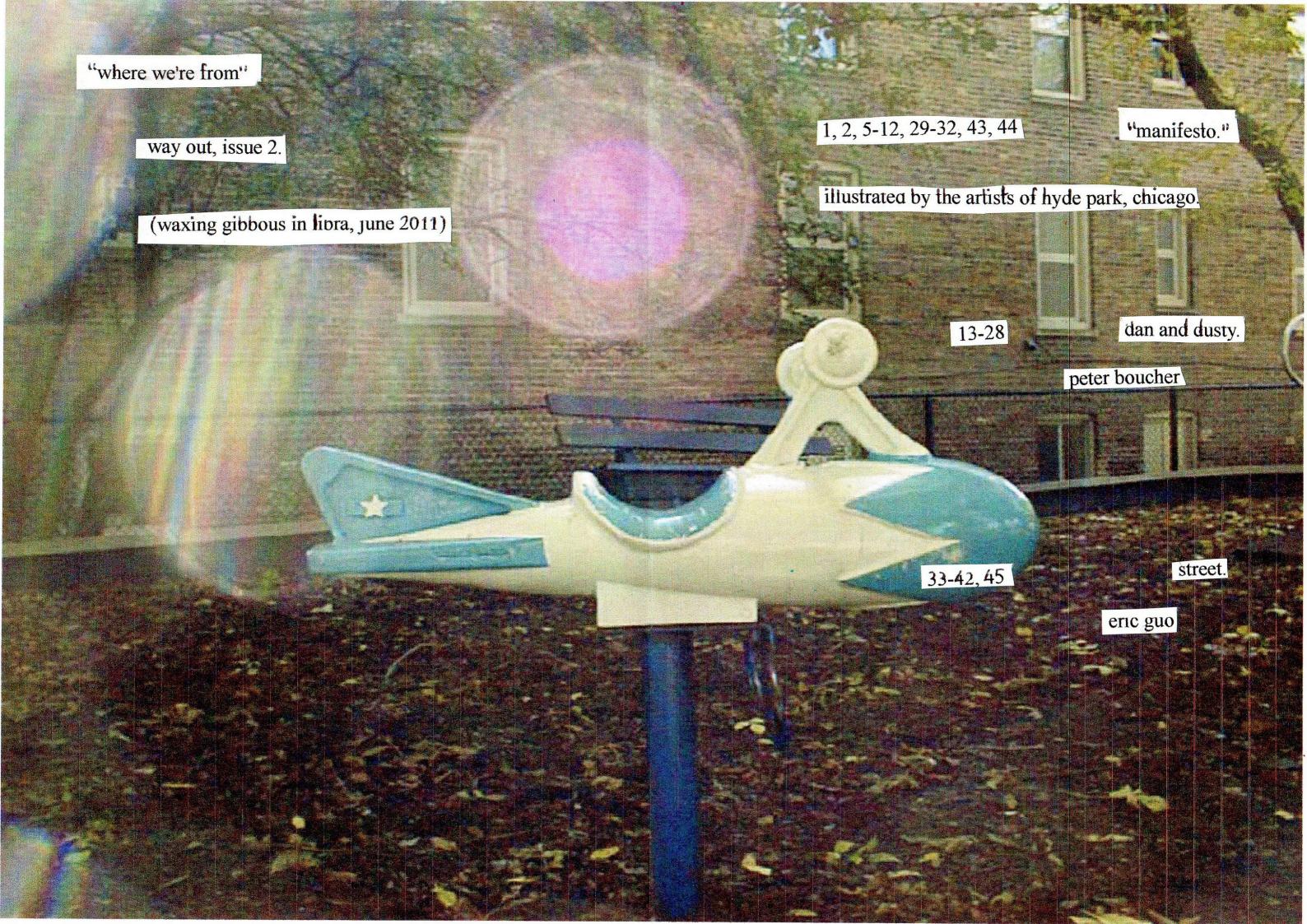
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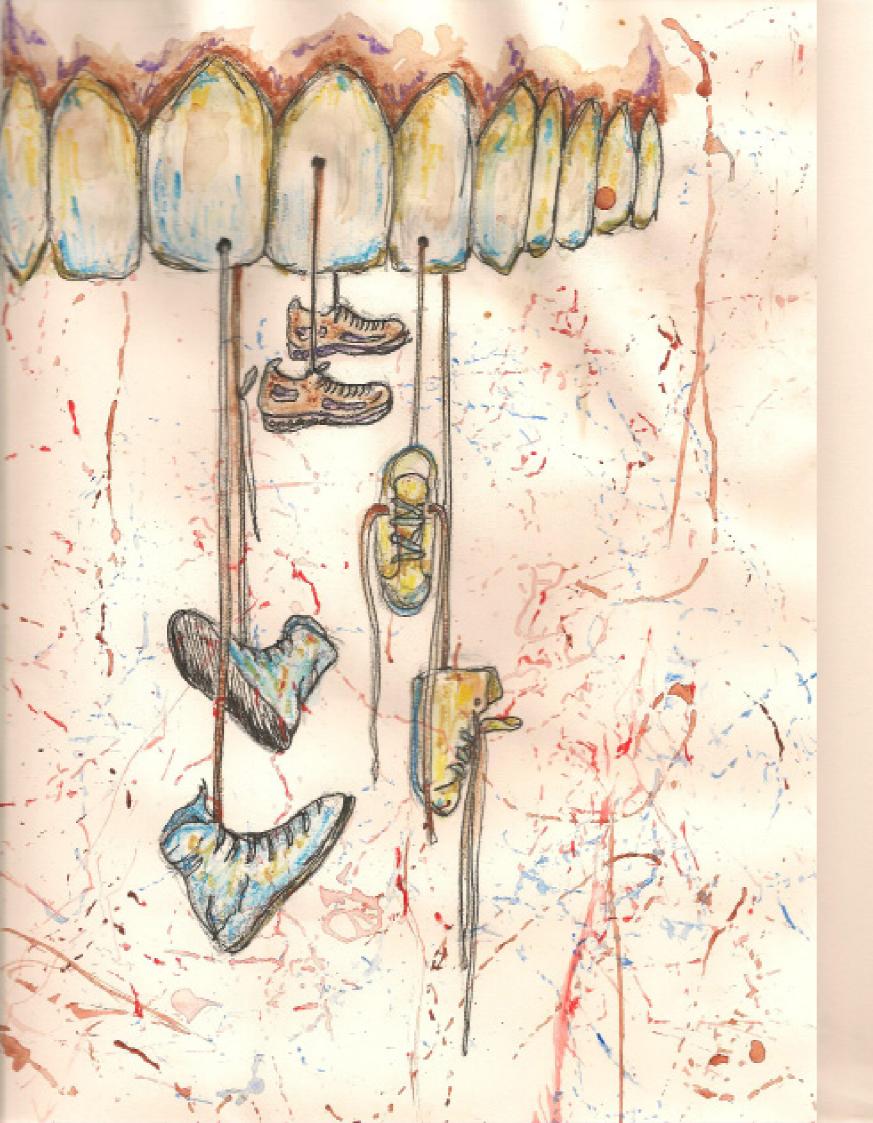
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or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced the Same. in the proportion which the number of such male

citizens twenty-one years of age in such State. Section 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Section 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debia incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United









while telling us what to be.













"Home again" Dan sighed to himself as he stared around the walls of his apartment. As he spoke his eyes settled on the map on the far wall above the fireplace, stuck with bright pins. On the walls surrounding him, postcards and national geographic snapshots of bustling cities, foreign and crowded. As he loosened his tie, Dan stepped to get a closer look at the world on his wall. He fumbled in a basket on the mantle, searching through old keys, suit buttons, blindly feeling for the pin prick. After a few seconds of rustling, he found the exact point he was looking for! Gripping the plastic handle, he raised his elbow and crossed a continent to thrust the pin into the map and wedge apart the cork beneath it. That was his favorite part. There he was, hundreds of plastic pins. Hundreds of me complete with their own little shadows. Pretty good! he thought as he loosened his belt buckle in his hands.

There was a family in one of the pictures on the wall over his bed that he saw as he turned away from the map to loosen his collar and strip off his dress shirt. He folded his shirt and black pants on his desk and went to the bathroom for a comb and a shave. As he stared in the mirror, the map's reflection outlined his head, as it did after every shave after every trip. Dan washed his face, brushed his teeth, took his vitamins, and stretched before bed.

Dan stared straight into the ceiling with a piercing gaze, alone in his sheets in the darkness.

"I wish I could see the stars," he drifted off.

"How's the family, Dan?"

Dan shifted a little with the weight of traffic as the black car pulled him around the turn onto M street.

"Oh great, I'm sure. Got down to the beach yesterday. said it was sunny and warm."

"Sure could use that here"

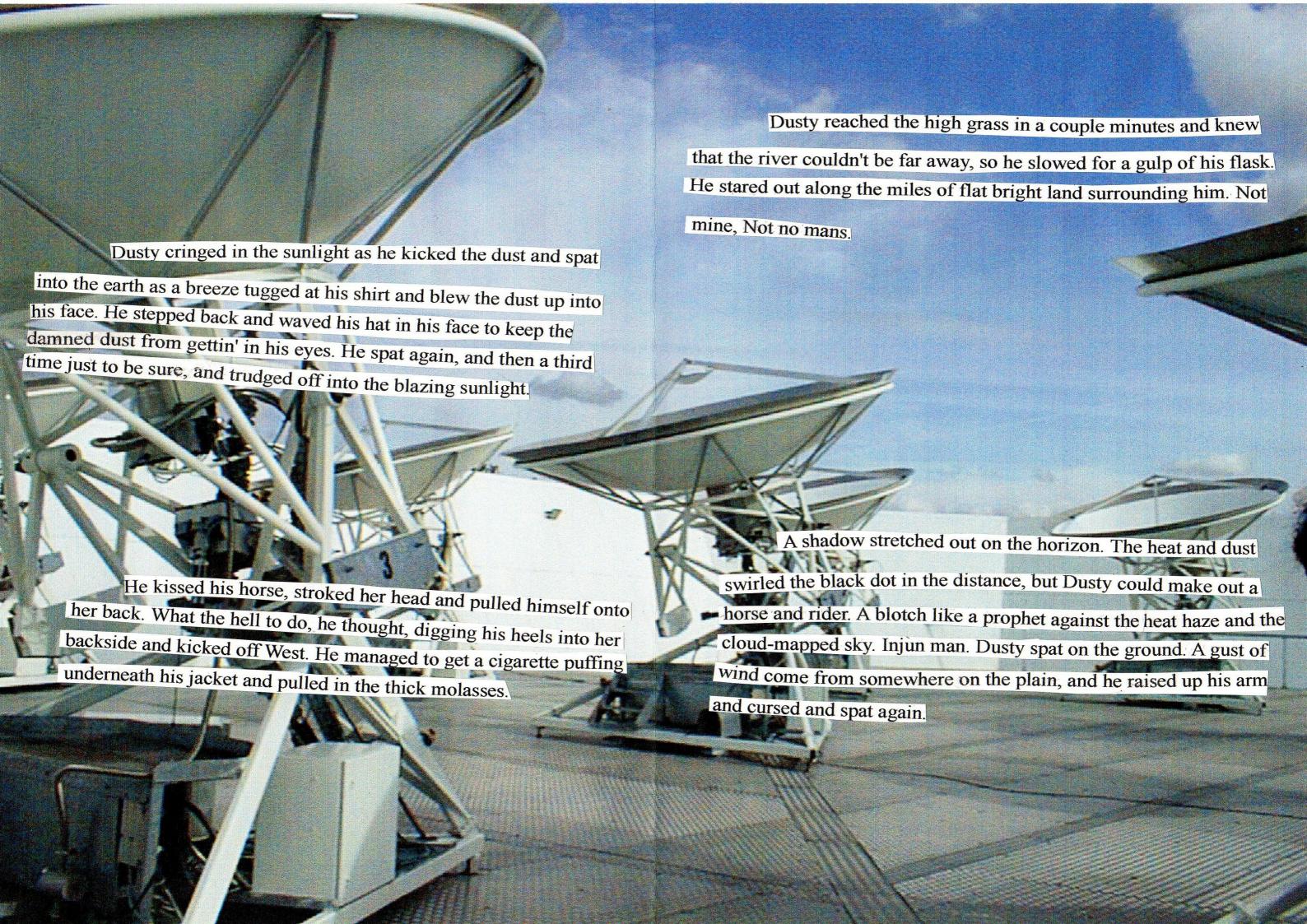
Dan smiled at his assistant. Jean wore a tight, yet modest white and grey suit that matched his own quite well. Jean was adjusting her lipstick in the metallic dark of the windowpane. Dan heard the artificial click of her lipstick case and caught the reflection of her lips in his own window. Jean wore a blue and silver shawl that he actually quite liked, and that was a new one.

Dan shuffled the papers on his lap. He began to read through the day's bulletins, mostly car bombs and round table discussions. Someone important had drowned. Also, the UN was meeting today again, but Dan would not attend this year. He had had to decline the gold trimmed invitation. Dan sighed. Such was life. He smiled at the driver as he lifted himself out of the car.

He had dreamed about his wife last night. They waited in the beach sand, naked and entangled together, eyes on each other with the rush of the wind and waves encircling them. She and him must have been both younger, it felt that way. She smiled and looked out onto the waves, then got up and beckoned him to come look beyond the waves but all he could see was fog, but she asked him again and again and he couldn't. She took his hand and he followed into the waves. They waded in the surf and the further they stepped the more she disappeared, like sand in the surf. They kissed and huddled together, and lay together in the surf. He felt himself disintegrating too, flowing into the sand and surf and her. "I wish you'd had seen" she whispered, "but it's OK." He was gone.

Dan coughed and stretched his back briefly, picked up his

briefcase and marched on forward, Jean and another assistant in his wake. Up and through the concrete block, past security with a nod, to the metal elevator box that would bring him to his floor. Dan held his breath. He hated elevators, hated the pull upwards, the emptiness that the metal thread yanks you through. The moment of weightlessness when it pulls you out of the ground. Can't believe we trust these things, he thought.



Dan arrived in an empty lobby, through the automatic doors in a tired daze. The fireplace to the right of the room projected the flickering shadow of his suit and briefcase onto the marble floor. He coughed, stretched, and marched up to the ornate desk to conduct business.

"Do you have a pool?" he asked, roomkey in hand.

"Of course, sir. The waterslide, however, has been closed indefinitely. I apologize for the inconvenience."

"Oh dear!" Dan smiled and turned to Jean beside him, who returned an exhausted, almost sad, grin.

"Yes, there was an accident earlier this evening, please do not be alarmed, however, we are handling the situation with care. Please let me show you to your rooms. You must be very tired."

"That's alright, thank you. I've actually been here before, had the same room too."

"As you wish, sir."

Dan and Jean said goodnight in the elevator. The metal doors closed her out, and Dan felt the tug of the floor, the ground pulling him up. Dan stumbled out of the metal box into the hallway. He shook himself to flail off the daze of exhaustion and yawned for his bed at home.

He dropped his briefcase on the bed and stared out the window while loosening his tie and unbuttoning his shirt. It was so dark. He couldn't make out square towers and official buildings in the distance. Just a blur of color. It was still beautiful. Everywhere is beautiful. Rotating back to the room, he teetered and lost his weight for a second.

He tossed his shirt on the bed and followed it face first into the covers. He heard the steam release from an old radiator in the corner.

God, I haven't been this exhausted for months, so tired. Exhausted.

His eyes closed upon images of Molly again at the beach, sand gripped in his hands and his toes. The waves rumbling in the static of the surf. static static

Cold. His room, his walls, his map above the fireplace.

Frantically searching for a pinprick- he felt it! But my hands huge and so clumsy and the darkness seeping into the frame. Damp edges curling and darkening and the colors bleeding. He reached up for his map and his spot to prick, and his vision nodded, his balance teetering in some great current. One more, he thought, one more

Dusty cringed up into the black silhouette of the Indian, blinded by the burning halo streaming over the man's shoulder. He spat on the earth. Piles of fur and feathered robes cast a heavy shadow that caught Dusty with a spotlight on the plain. Dusty absorbed into the shadow of the man. No, not the man's. Not the Injun's. His clothes, his horse, his heaps of voodoo. But not the man's. No man can hold that shadow.

"Lemme look."

A hand extended clutching a ziplock bag above Dusty in the glare. The arm bent a little in the sunlight under the weight, or maybe the sunlight just made it look heavy. Dusty scrutinized the dirty stems.

"S'ppose they look alright." He took the plastic bag and filled the open palm with a few crumpled dirty bills. The hand retracted back into the figure. The man counted, looked down at Dusty, and spoke something to his horse. They turned back into the sun and trudged into the distance, rocking to the side with each step under the weight of the furs and blankets and bundles.

Dusty lifted the bag up at eye-level. Roots and dirt. He dropped his gaze, poured the earth into his hand, and dropped it into

his mouth. Tastes like shit.

He could hear the river from here, the water crisp and clear and playful.

A tree casts a shadow bigger than a man's. So tall, so big, so heavy it looks like someday it will collapse onto itself. Or maybe the weight will just push push into the earth until it comes out the other

side like a lost pin in a cushion.

Dan was on his way to the hospital because he couldn't

breathe. The cab pulled him forward and he leaned with its weight.

Molly. Have to call Molly. But was she gone? Out in the

waves somewhere? Maybe pulled out into the horizon where I cannot

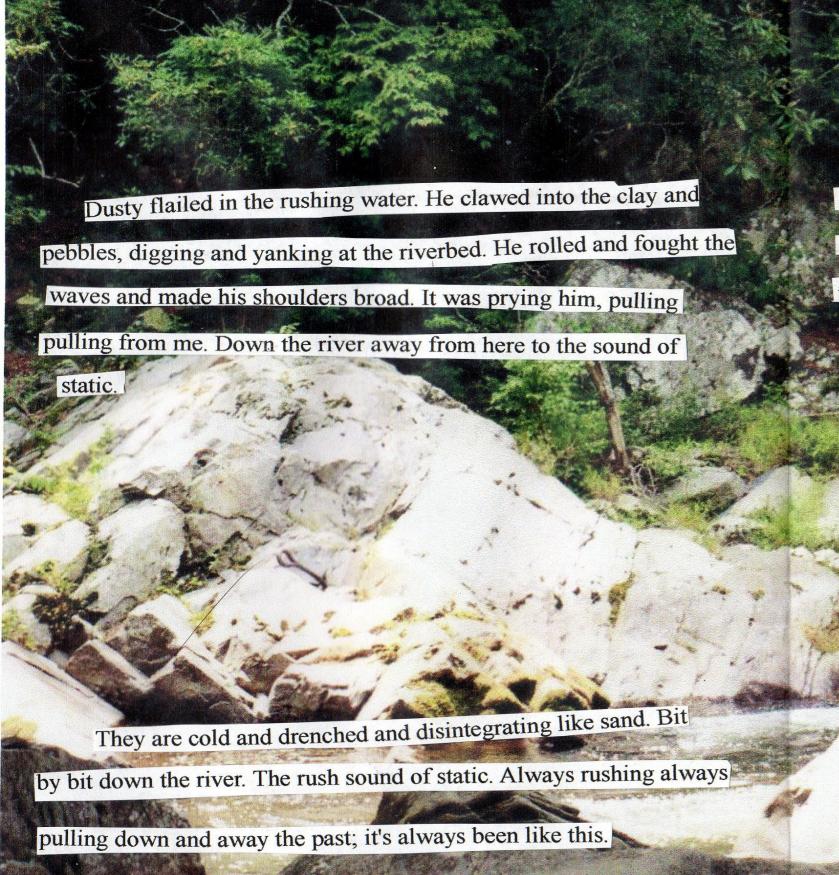
see. Drifted into the water and the sand. I should have gone with her,

he thought. I should be there now.

Heavy heavy breathing, it's not me though it's the air. The weight of the air is so much more here, like its compressed. Am I underwater? That wouldn't explain it would it. Why everything is so much heavier. Underwater it would be lighter, I would be lighter. I don't want to be light without her.

This wasn't water. It's too dry. This is new. It pulls the moisture out of my lungs. It crumbles me from the inside out. I feel like chalk. I miss them I miss her. I love you. She knows, and that's what's important. That's what's important.

Dan checked himself into the emergency room. He asked for a seat but they brought him a bed on wheels. Pulled along again he thought about the beach. The sand and the water that his mom had whispered about whenever he couldn't sleep. He was there with Molly now. Alone and together. The breeze was warm and the moon glowed and the surf crushed again and again and again. Molly was so beautiful in the sand.



## I am Atlas against the current.

I can tell their faces disintegrate into the water. And me, my shadow wet stretched so long pulled down too down by the river. Like an egg leaking out of a cracked shell, white and thin and oozing out into the current. He wished Jane was with him, but now she was gone too.

The static rush. Water. The weightlessness. I am flowing away.

Dusty flailed and clawed the riverbed and screamed until stars

scattered across the night sky.





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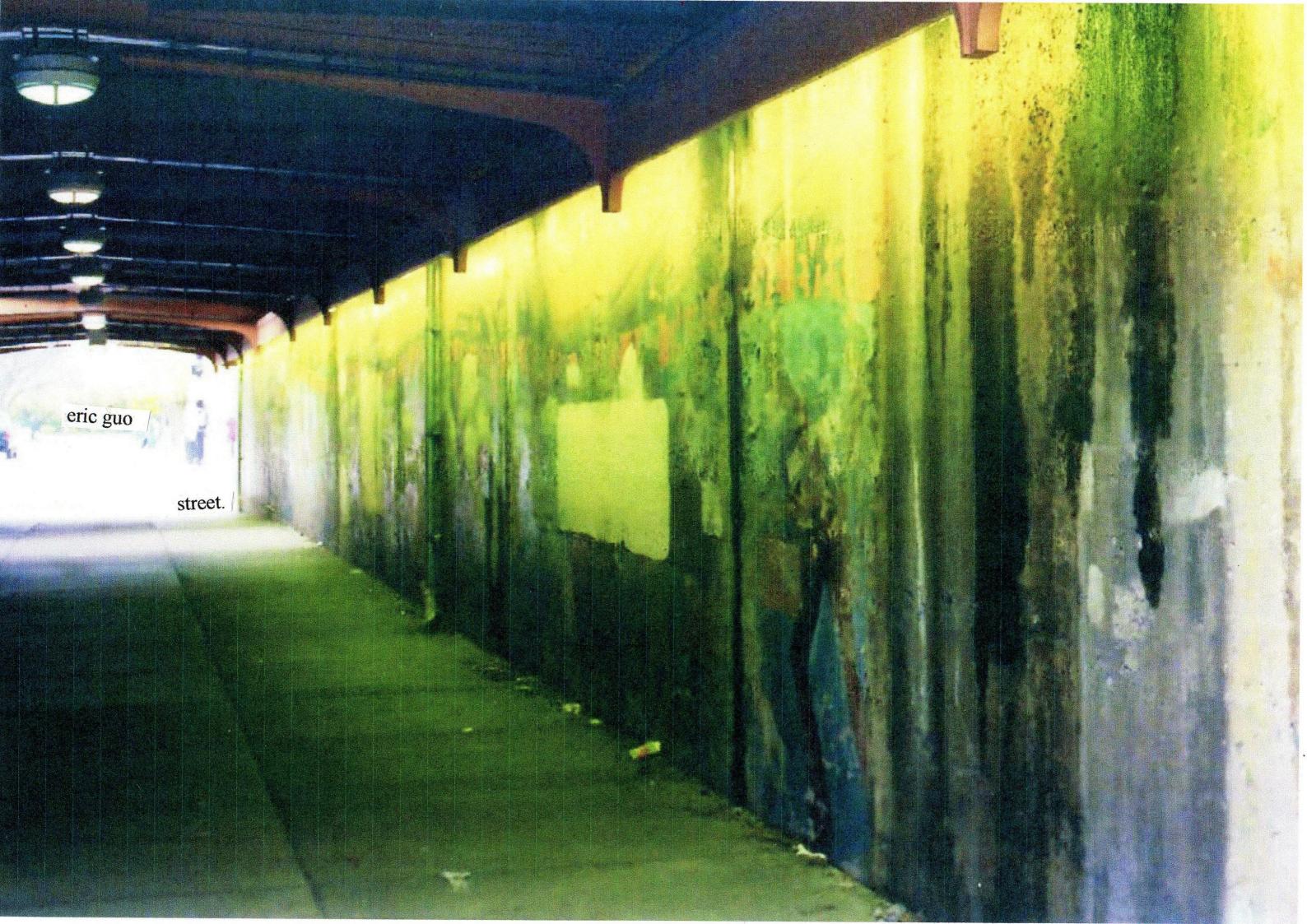
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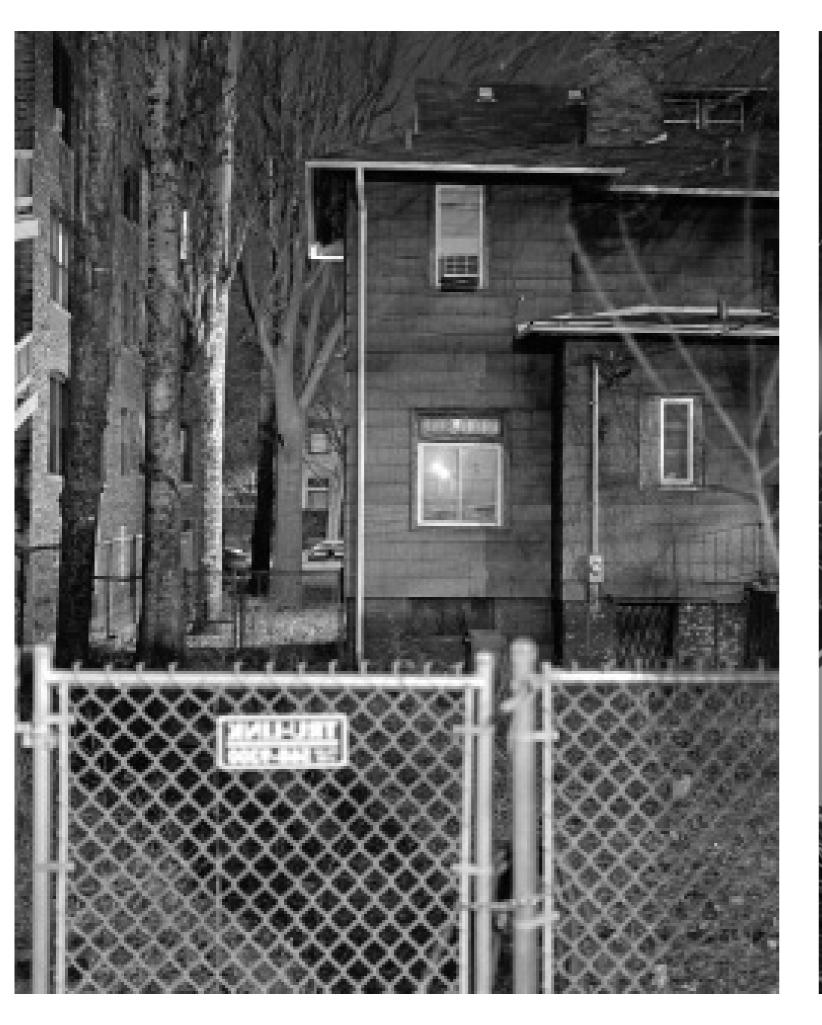
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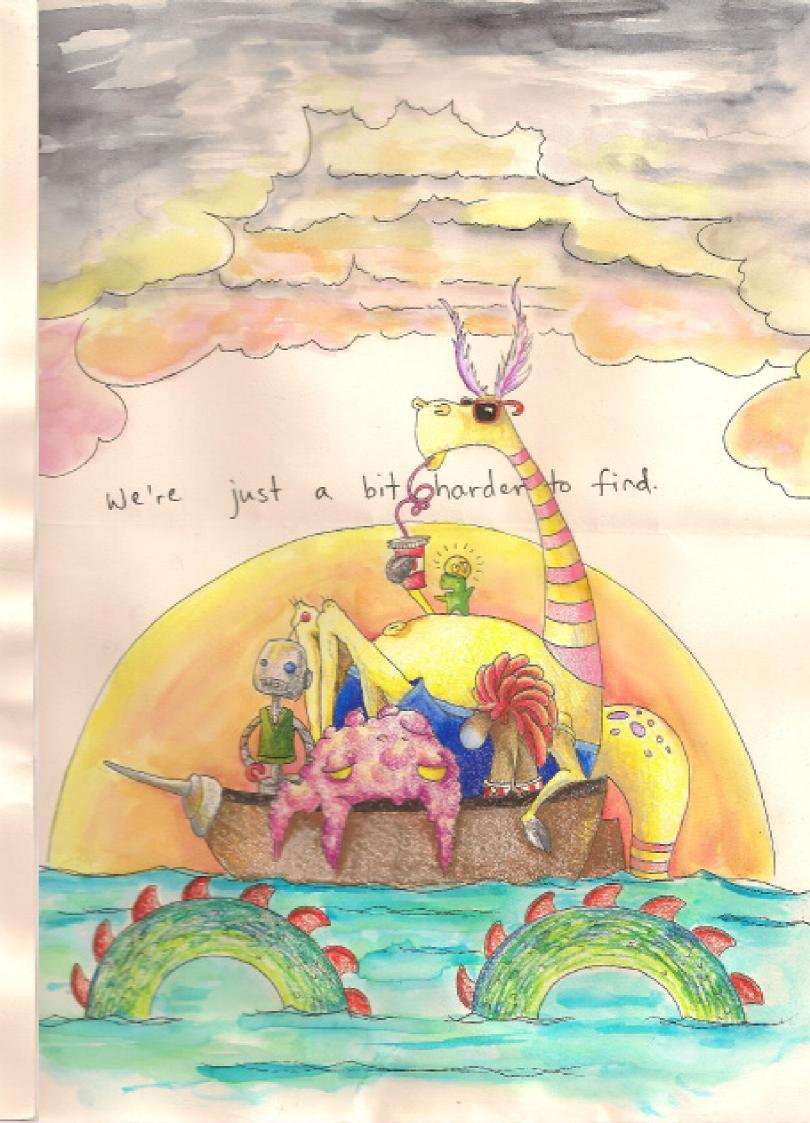








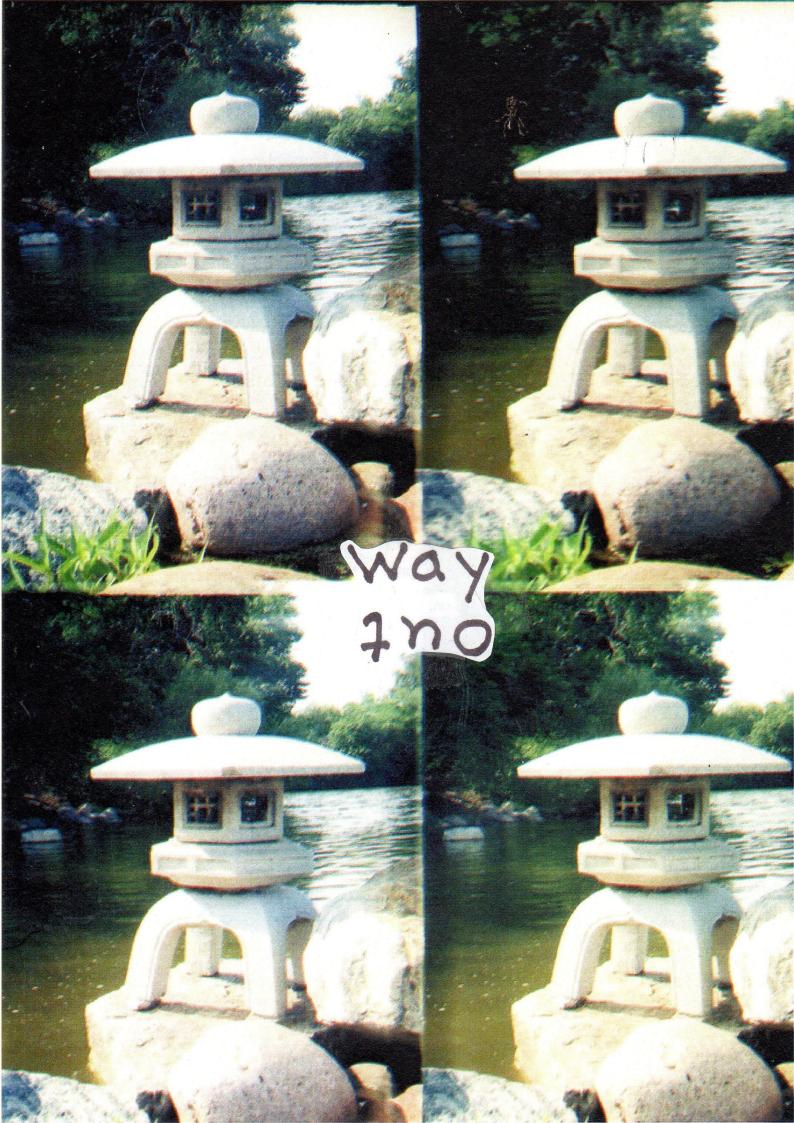
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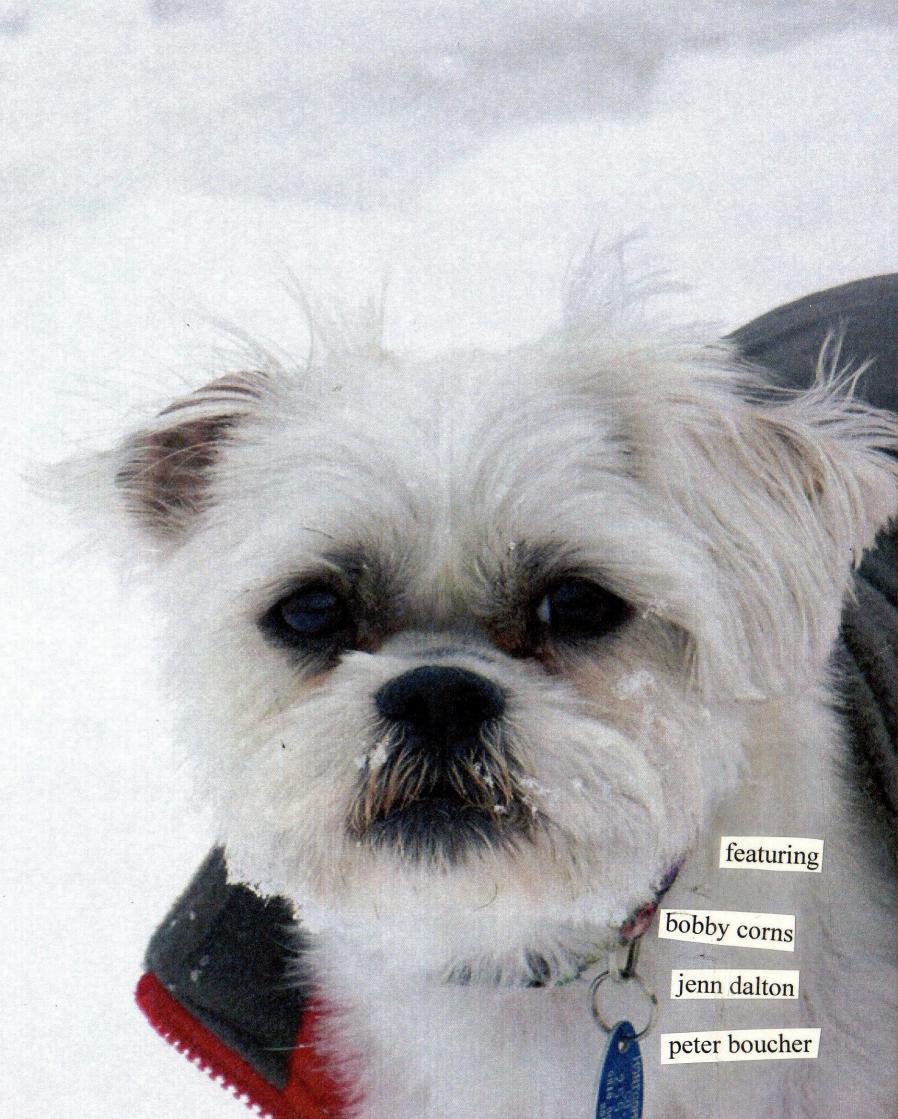


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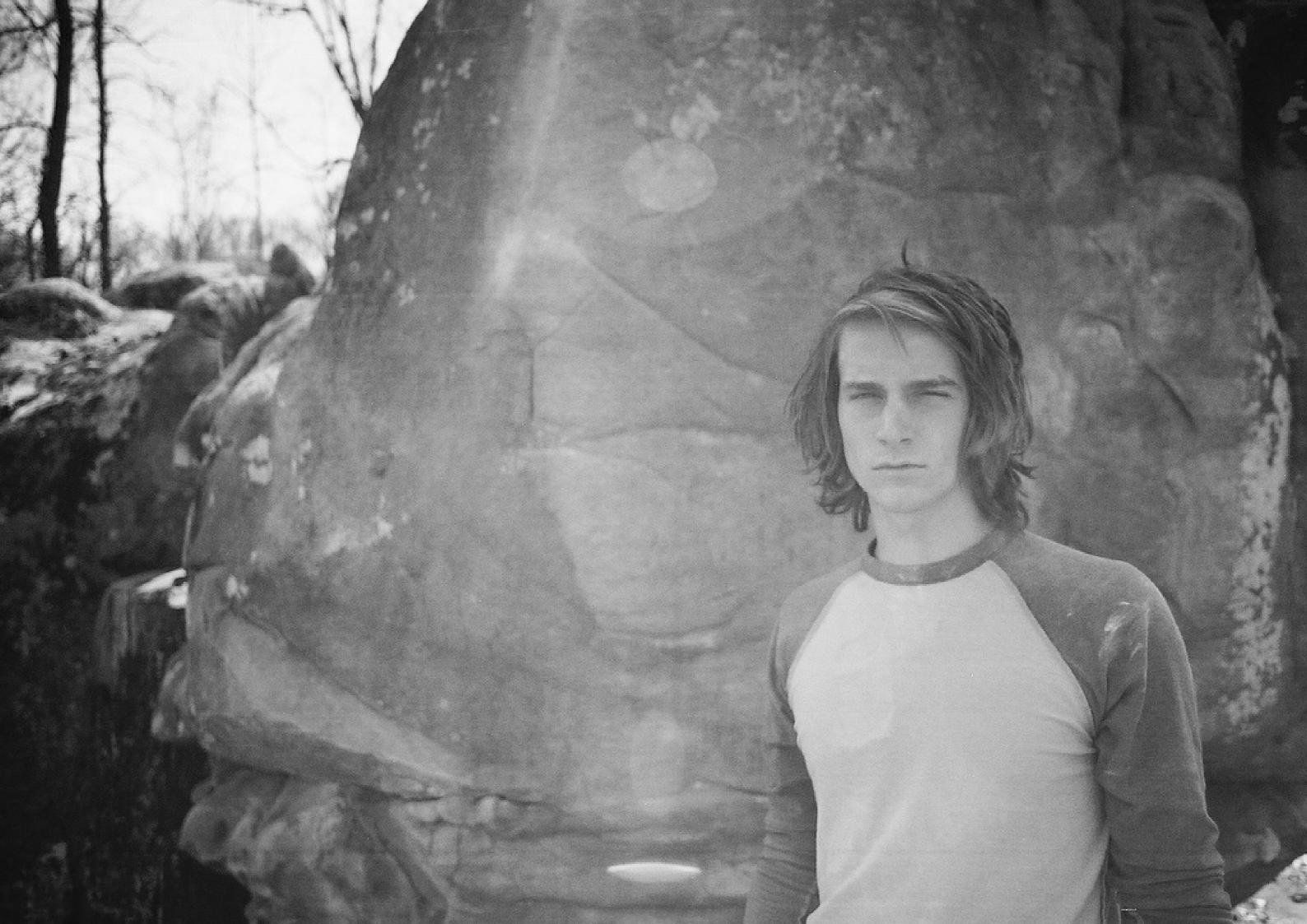
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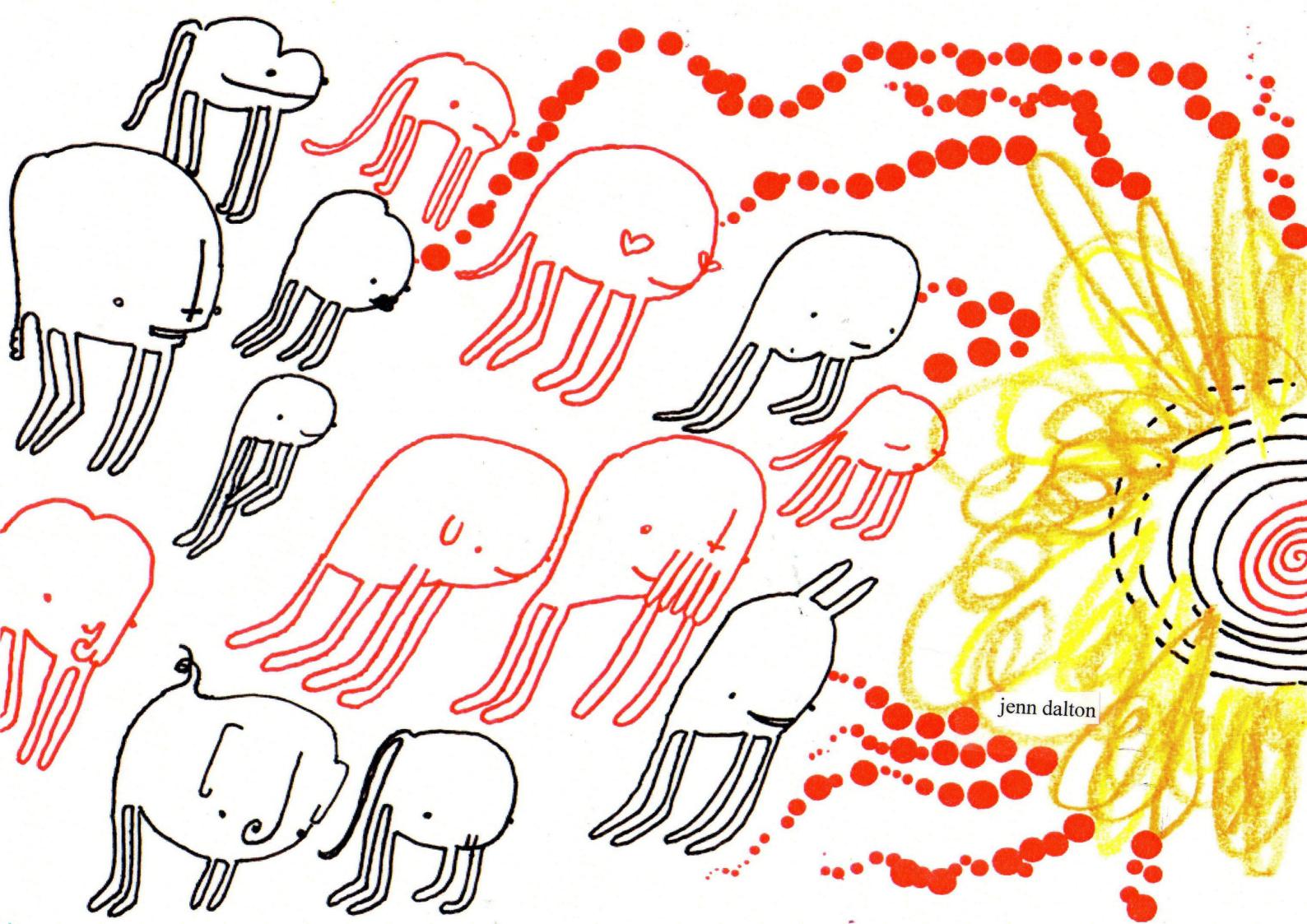


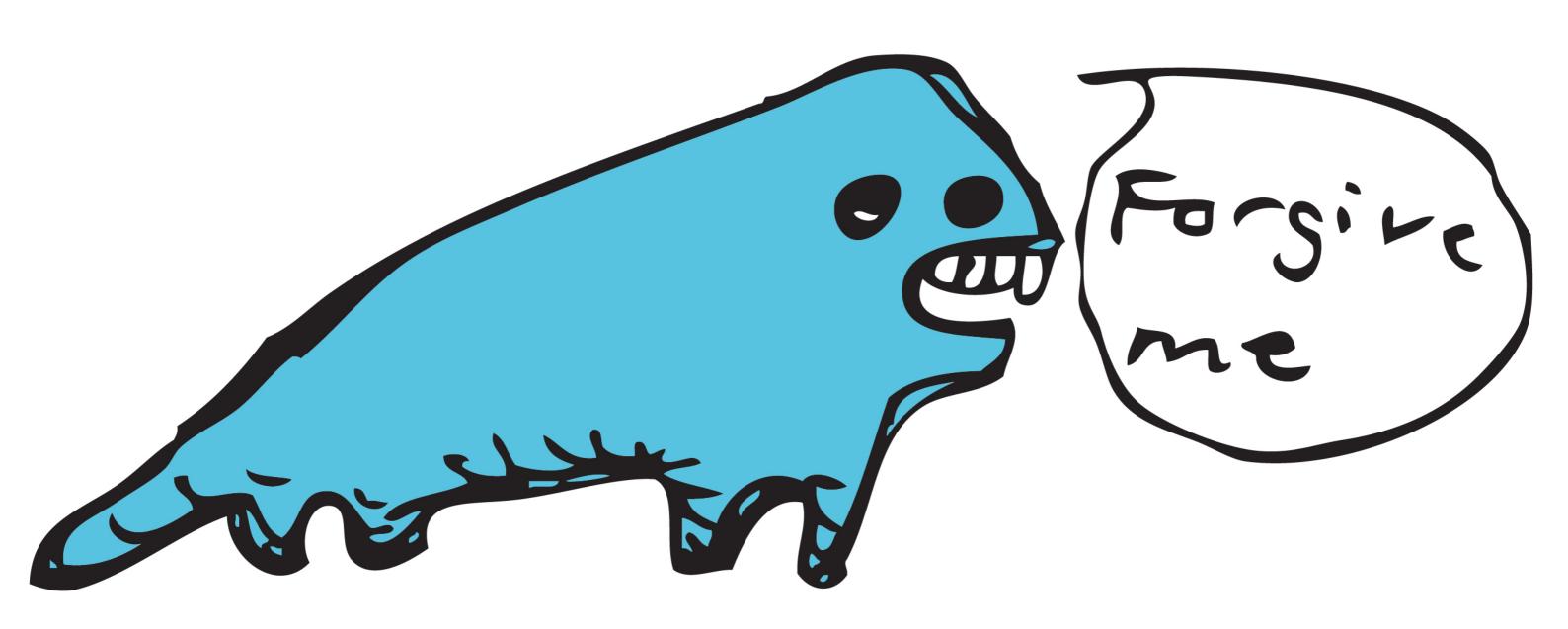








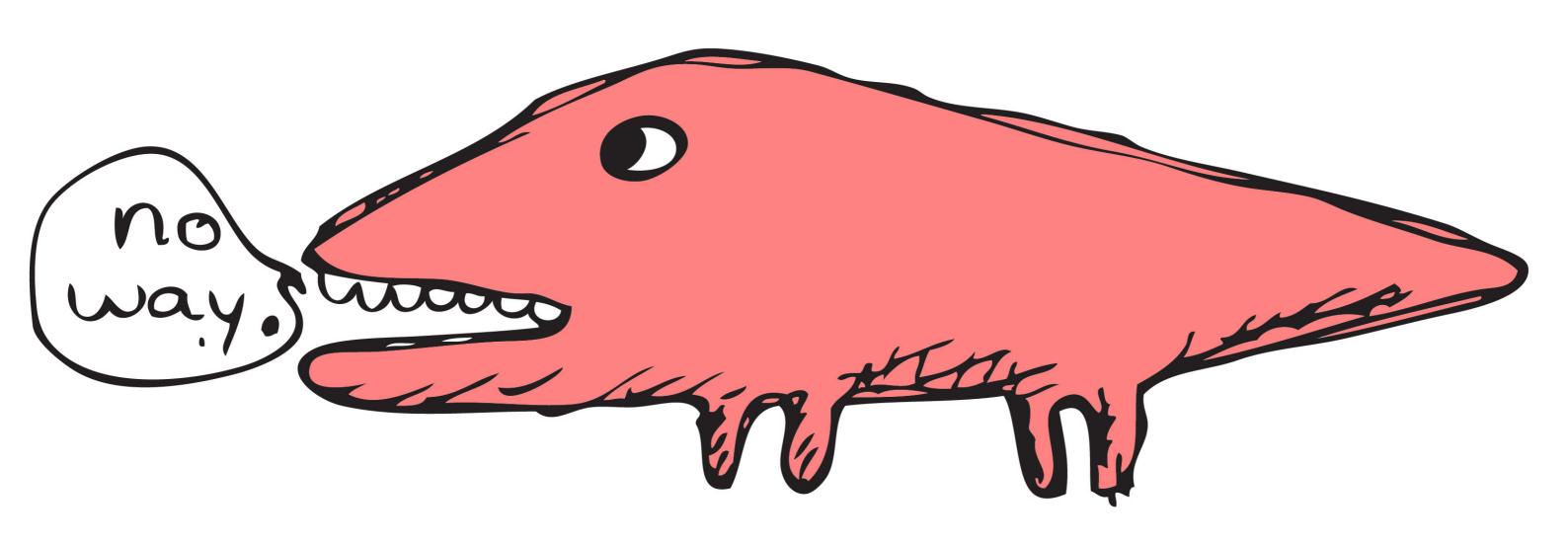




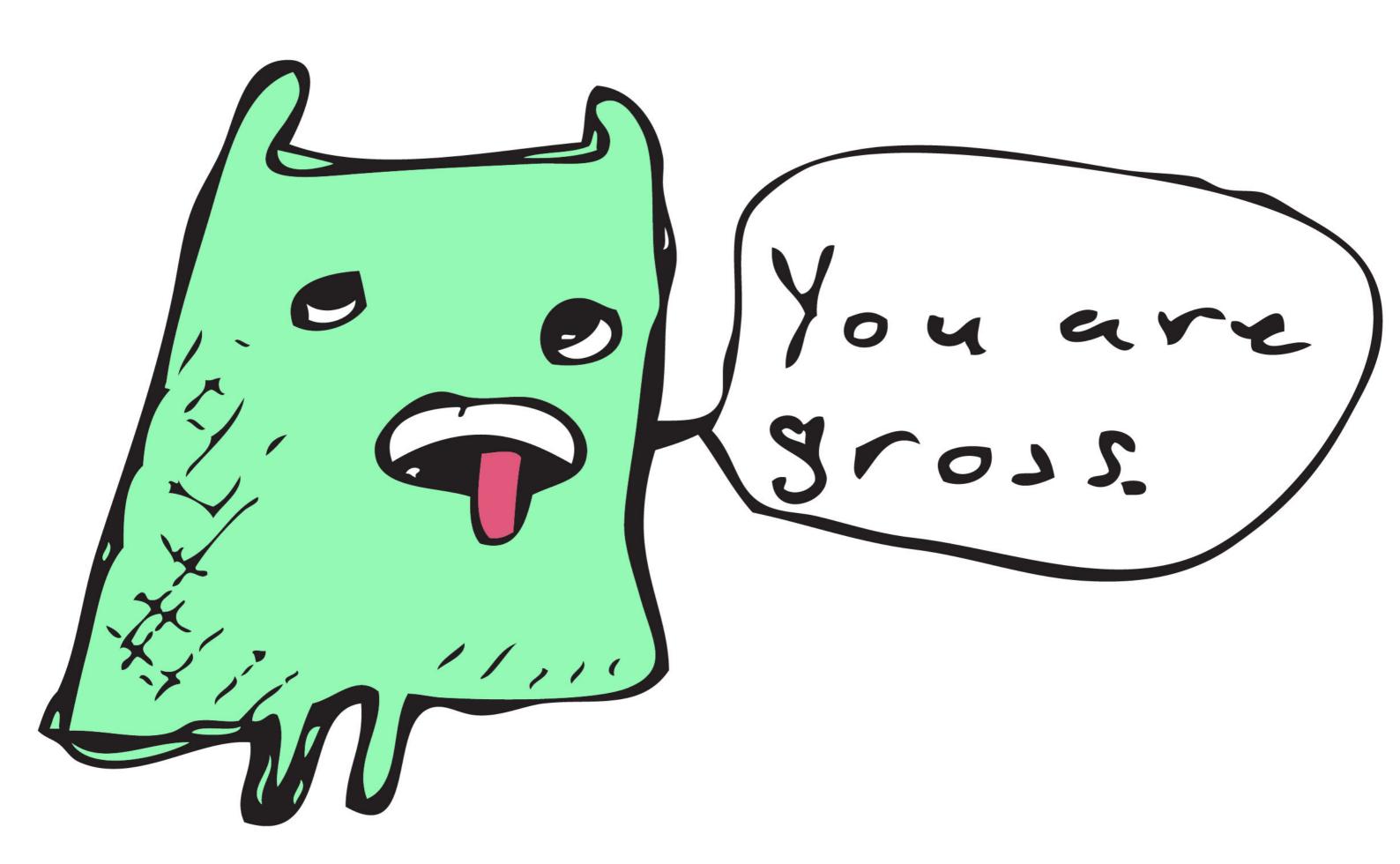














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